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I Might reaſonably have thought, I had been ſo full in my laſt, that I ſhould have had no manner of Occaſion to trouble you again in any ſhort Time; but ſo many Accidents turn up, that they ſeem to allow one's Pen no Reſpite; and if an Error happens on that, which I call the right Side, of my being too troubleſome, there is, beſides

my own Inclination to pleaſure you, a good deal owing to your own preſſing Inſtances, *viz. That I would let nothing of Moment paſs, without giving you an Account of it.*

I judg'd, the Affair of *Bob Slyboots* had been the critical Æra to have fix'd a Period at; little thinking but, at leaſt, one ſhould have had a Breathing Time, before a new Scene of Affairs had been offer'd; but, really, if the World it ſelf were not a buſy active Place, ſo much is owing to the Genius of this Climate, that it is not much to be wonder'd at its being productive of ſo many curious Affairs: However, I hope I may promiſe you, that I ſhall not, after this, have Occaſion to peſter you with my Remarks, for ſome ſhort Time, at leaſt.

That I may leave nothing behind me, to give Occaſion for a Retroſpection, and to clear the Way for your better Underſtanding, I will look into ſome Affairs a little remote, and not yet mention'd, tho' proper enough for your Knowledge, as well as for aſſerting the juſt Character of our invincible LANDLORD. I have, indeed, given you Inſtances enough of their perfidious and ruinous Conduct, and the juſt Providence which overtook and defeated it; but you have, perhaps, from thence little conceiv'd the imminent Danger we were expos'd to, not only within our own Bowels, but even among *Strangers*, we being the

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rich Fleece that every one had find a Lock of.

When Mr. WRIGHT came firſt among us, he found the Country in a tolerable Condition, it look'd well in the Face, however ſick at Heart, and ſeem'd to promiſe that the Infection was not ſo near as it afterwards prov'd. And if at Home, Things were brought to that dangerous Paſs, how much more did it enhance the Views of our Adverſaries Abroad, who built on our Diſtractions, and thought it a proper Occaſion to give them Pretence of inſiſting irrevocably on the fraudulent Articles they had obtain'd thro' the Treachery and vile Conduct of the late Servants, who had the Managing of the Agreement made with them under Hand and Seal. It was not enough for him to patch up this vile Bargain, and accept the *Mannor* on the Terms it then ſtood with his Neighbours, who had made their Markets at the Expence of the *Eſtate*, but, with a Spirit truly Great, he reſolv'd to redeem what had been baſely and treacherouſly given up by the late perfidious Agreement, and retrieve the former Honour and Splendour of the Country, and make his *Tenants* happy, even againſt the Deſire of many of the worſer ſort of them; and this, notwithſtanding the Diſadvantages which they imagin'd he lay under at Home. You will believe, therefore, ſome uncommon Virtues muſt reign in this Man, if he could accompliſh

pliſh this; and that it even requir'd the moſt brave and reſolute Spirit, but to attempt a Taſk which ſeem'd ſo difficult, eſpecially conſidering the Feuds which ſubſiſted among his own *Tenants*. Their Averſion to a new *Law-Suit*, as well as the preſent Inability to ſupport it, made the Thing ſeem more difficult, in regard it was not thought poſſible to be done without; but what is to be ſaid, when all this was overcome by a Spirit of Reſolution, which ſeem more inſuperable?

One of thoſe who had fared well at our Expence was *Philip Baboon*; and the Reward of the Favour which accru'd to him thro' our own Treachery and Indiſcretion, was his uſing the *Tenants* which Traded in his Country, in the moſt ſevere and unhandſome Manner. He rais'd the Toll of the Markets, diſcourag'd their Commodities, and even quarter'd Dragoons upon thoſe who ſojourn'd in any of his Territories; and this even in the WIDDOW's Life-Time, who had ſhew'd him ſo much Reſpect; that it muſt be own'd, it was owing to her Condeſcenſions, and the Perfidy of Thoſe who ſerv'd her, that he retain'd the leaſt Foot of his *Eſtate*. But the Truth is, there was a ſmall *Copyhold*, with a pretty ſnug *Farm* upon it, in *Philip*'s Lordſhip, which remain'd to the WIDDOW upon the Concluſion of the *Law-Suit*; and *Phil* had found her ſo tractable in former Conceſſions,

ceſſions, that he judg'd it was eaſy to work her into a Surrender of That alſo; and, no Doubt, would have found Means to accompliſh it, had not the WIDDOW's Death intervened; and, among other Advantages which redounded to the INN, prevented the Parting with that important Place, ſo neceſſary for the Preſervation and Propagation of our Trade.

Mr. WRIGHT ſent a very civil Meſſage to *Phil*, to let him know how deſirous he was to live in good Terms with him; and, on his Part, how willing he would be to do any Thing that might tend to create a mutual good Underſtanding between them: That he did not queſtion but *Phil* was ſenſible of the manifeſt Inconveniencies which had ariſen to his *Tenants*, by the perfidious Concluſion of the late *Law-Suit*. And tho' every one was in the right to make all the Advantage they could for themſelves, yet, as the Conduct and Proceedings of the late Servants had been publickly condemned, it was reaſonable to think, that ſome Reſtitution was expected; and none, he was ſenſible, would be made, if it were not demanded. That he confided much in *Phil*'s Juſtice, but was oblig'd, both in Honour and Conſcience, to preſs him to mitigate the Conditions in a fair Way, otherwiſe the World might ſay, that the late perfidious Servants had been wrong'd in the Puniſhment due to them, if ſome Retribution for

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the Crimes they had been guilty of, was not insisted on. There was, besides the Message it self, somewhat in the Air and Manner of performing it, that captivated *Phil* strangely; and his *Tenants* seeing a glorious Opportunity of freeing themselves from the Yoke which *Phil*'s Grand-Father had laid on their Necks, soon improv'd the good Disposition of their young *Landlord*; and it was declar'd, that they ought to set a greater Value on Mr. WRIGHT's Friendship, than any Person in the World; that not only their Interest, but Inclination, oblig'd them to these Professions, for it had always been natural to them to desire to live in Love and Friendship with such as were *Tenants* under Mr. WRIGHT, therefore they readily embrac'd the Occasion of shewing how desirous they were to oblige Mr. WRIGHT in the Affairs he had laid before them.

Nor was it the Inconveniencies of Trade only he freed us from; but 'twas known, that *Phil*, at that Time, by the Instigation of some about him, had Designs of succouring Young SHUTE, who, indeed, had been his *School-Fellow* and *Play-Mate* at his Grand-father old *CRAB*'s: Nay, it was so certain, that there were Accounts how SHUTE's Agents were making Preparations in his Country; and the Party here had the Insolence to make their Boasts of it. But they were, on a sudden, Thunder-

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ſtruck at *Phil*'s Declaration, and the ſincere Profeſſions of Friendſhip which he made to Mr. WRIGHT, and the convincing Proof he gave of being entirely in earneſt.

It has appear'd always by the moſt ſignal Inſtances, that where any thing has been too powerful for Mr. WRIGHT's ſublime Genius to conquer, Heaven has always interpoſed with its happy Aſſiſtance. Had old *CRAB* ſurviv'd, he would have prevented the Correſpondence betwixt Mr. WRIGHT and *Phil*, or at leaſt fruſtrated the Conſequences of it; for it was evident, he held a Tyrannical Rod over *Phil*'s Head. But what is more, the old *Shuffler* wou'd not fail'd to have openly abetted himſelf, but have procur'd him the Aſſiſtance of others, and God only knows where it might then have ended. But Heaven, as I have ſaid, took Care of that; and what it thought proper for humane Conduct to manage, was left to Mr. WRIGHT's own Genius, the auſpicious Powers ſtill guiding him in all his Actions the merited Effects (if I may venture on the Expreſſion) of ſo much Piety, Virtue, and Integrity.

I have pointed out theſe Incidents, to ſhew you with more Perſpicuity, how Great, how Worthy a *Landlord* we now owe our Protection to, and under whom we ought to *pay our Rent*, with Pleaſure and Satisfaction. All the World knows, in Evidence of this, that leſs than the moſt prudent,

bold, and prosperous Conduct could have surmounted all the Difficulties that clog'd his Affairs, owing chiefly to the vile and treacherous Conduct of the late Servants; and indeed no ordinary Spirit could have subsisted under them, considering likewise, the great Life, as well as Advantage, it gave to his Adversaries Cause. Old *CRABB* being so luckily remov'd (I say) by the Hand of Providence, (for Heaven is not oblig'd always to work Miracles for us) it was yet a Task for the greatest Genius it ever fram'd, to deal with the *Trustee* and *Executors* for the *Young Gentleman*, without commencing a new and hazardous *Law-Suit*, which would not well have gone down with the *Tenants*. As to his Character, the *Trustee* I mean, he is a cunning and ambitious Man, and as he had certainly Views of Interest by placing young SHUTE in the *Estate*, as some say, by marrying his Daughter to him, so he gave Mr. WRIGHT a good deal of Trouble on that Account; who, notwithstanding, kept so strict a hand upon him, that all the Cunning and Artifice he was Master of, became necessary to conceal his real Designs; for, indeed, the *Estate* he had to manage, was so run out, and had suffer'd so much by the late *Law-Suit*, that it oblig'd him to act under the greatest Caution, not daring openly to give Mr. WRIGHT any downright Occasion of Disgust; and indeed the Matter centred here,

here, he wisely waited a proper Time to display himself; but the Event did not answer, what was, perhaps, Then more agreeable to his Inclination.

In the mean Time, Mr. WRIGHT, who had, by a very uncommon Industry and Application, manag'd him hitherto, found the Effect, at last, of that true Policy which he had laid down as the Rule of all the Measures he design'd to take for his Advantage and Security, and Establishing his Interest in his new *Estate*. You must needs know, that among the Conditions of the late Agreement, there was a *Defeazance* executed, which cuts off the Intail, and settles the *Estate*, in case the present Heir should die, on the *Trustee*, and passes it away from *Philip Baboon*, whose Right it was as the next *Descendant in Blood*, who, tho' he had parted with his Inheritance by Constraint, had not quitted his Hopes, that *Equity* might, one time or other, furnish him with an Opportunity to reclaim the Possession of that which was truly his *Birth-Right*. Now the nearest Views which he could have of this kind, must proceed from Mr. WRIGHT's Friendship; and as he endeavour'd, upon this Account, to exert himself to please him, so it had an Effect doubly advantageous to Mr. WRIGHT, for the cautious *Trustee* began to consider, that *Phil* might revoke the *Defeazance*, and, with the Assistance of Mr. WRIGHT's Friend-

ſhip, revive his *Indefeaſeable Hereditary Right.* It likewiſe began to be found, that *Phil* ſhew'd little Regard to the *Truſtee*, or the Intereſt of the *Tenants* he manag'd under the INFANT-HEIR: This, together with a ſtrong *Party* forming againſt him among the moſt conſiderable of the *Tenants*, made the *Truſtee* wiſely tack about, and now, in good earneſt, courted Mr. WRIGHT's Friendſhip; and this became plainly ſo much his Intereſt to do, that he found Young SHUTE's Friends, whom he had attempted to ſerve, liſted among his Adverſaries, ſo that it became high Time to look about him, and in the moſt preſſing Manner to endeavour a perfect Reconciliation with Mr. WRIGHT.

This Condeſcenſion has been the Subject of a great deal of Clamour againſt him; but he apparently found his Account in it, and that his Intereſt and Mr. WRIGHT's were inſeparable. Mr. WRIGHT, however eligible this was to his Affairs, diſcover'd himſelf to be a true Great Man, and wou'd not make the Price of his Friendſhip cheap and mercenary, for, with his own Honour and Intereſt, he mix'd that of his *Tenants* and *Neighbours*, and wou'd not bate an Ace of the Demands which he knew their Safety requir'd. I cannot ſay but the *Truſtee* ſtomach'd ſome Points; but Mr. WRIGHT, by his indefatigable *Agent*, brought every Thing up, or, perhaps, more properly down,

his own Terms; one of which great Particulars, was the demoliſhing a TURN-PIKE, which *CRABB*, contrary to the true Intent of the *Agreement*, had built near Mr. WRIGHT's *Eſtate*, to the great Annoyance of his Tenants. If I ſhould not, whilſt I am ſpeaking of this Affair with the *Truſtee*, mention the indefatigable Pains, and ſingular Worth of *John Stedfaſt*, who had under Mr. WRIGHT, the chief Management of it, I ſhould do an Injury to the greateſt Merit the World e'er knew; and which it does, and will for many Ages, eccho in his Praiſe. How many bold Deſigns he travers'd and diſappointed, and what ſeaſonable Diſcoveries were owing to his unwearied Application, are ſo well known, that it coſt young SHUTE himſelf no ſmall Fatigue and Caution to keep out of his Way, and convinc'd him how neceſſary it was for him to ride always with good Spurs. In fine, *John* has, in the Management of this Affair, laid ſuch a Foundation for Honour and Preferment, that the leaſt we expect is to ſee both quickly heap'd on his Head.

Thus you ſee how he manag'd two of his *Antagoniſts*, and from profeſs'd Enemies, brought them to be hearty Friends to the *Eſtate*; and this contrary to the Opinion of every one, and even whilſt the utmoſt Endeavours were uſing by ſome to obſtruct it. One would hardly think, that any thing can be too difficult for him to accompliſh, after

these important Successes, the visible Effect of an admirable and penetrating Conduct, which I am apt to think, before I have gone thro' the whole, you will allow to be Surprizing, and that for the future, his Adversaries will have but small Encouragement again to tempt his Prudence.

I cannot but tell you, that notwithstanding all the Friendships had been shewn to Esq. *South*, by the honest Tenants, whilst they had the Management of the *Estate*, yet by the just Provocation given him by the other *Party*, he withdrew all his Acknowledgments, and became suspected of favouring SHUTE's Interest. It must be own'd, that what the *late Servants* had done, was justly sufficient to incense him, for he was basely Sold and Betray'd, and a good Number of his best and honestest *Tenants*, were vilely left as a Sacrifice to the Rage of an incens'd *Landlord*, whose Obedience they were forc'd again to return under, who seiz'd their *Farms*, stript them of their Liberties, and put many of them to Death in a most inhumane manner, whilst their Blood cry'd loudly for Vengeance against those infamous Persons who were the Authors of their Sufferings and Misfortunes. So far did Esquire *South*'s Resentment reach against the Country in general, that Mr. WRIGHT found it no easy thing to reason him into a true Opinion of the matter, to make him sensible, that there was a wide Difference between the State of the *Manor*, when

when his Intereſt was deſerted, and himſelf poorly and baſely betray'd, and now that it was again put into the Hands of thoſe who were really his Friends, and diſpos'd with the greateſt Sincerity to court his Friendſhip, and do him all the good Offices in their Power. It was no eaſy matter, I ſay, to make him entertain any favourable Notions of the matter, and it took up ſeveral Meſſages, which Mr. WRIGHT diſpatch'd by thoſe whom he judg'd would be moſt acceptable to him; before any thing could be concluded, yet, in the end, tho' this Affair was diligently travers'd, Mr. WRIGHT ſo manag'd it, that Articles were drawn up betwixt them, whereby they enter'd into mutual Friendſhip with each other.

I take in theſe Things, to ſhew you the great Intereſt Mr. WRIGHT has Abroad, and that, if it was poſſible, to acquire this, even while he had Diſturbances and Contentions at Home, it muſt be look'd as an Inſtance, not only of his invincible Spirit, and high Reſpect owing to him from all his Neighbours, but as an Argument that it will not be in the Power of Man hereafter to ſhake his Intereſt. In fine, that he has Friends enough, both at Home and Abroad, to make the Hearts of his Enemies ake at any time.

I have now brought the Matter home again, after giving you a curſory View how Affairs have gone abroad. By this you will more clearly perceive how ridiculous the Conduct of ſome

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Men has been, who under a Notion that his Affairs could not ſubſiſt without their Service, have had the Vanity to throw themſelves out of his Favour, believing it leſs dangerous to diſoblige Him than themſelves.

I had ſcarce concluded my laſt to you, wherein I mention'd ſome of theſe, but I had a freſh Occaſion of making an Addition to their Number; which is what, I may aſſure you, I am not at all delighted with, in regard there are among them, ſome for whom one cannot but entertain a Reſpect capable to defend them from almoſt the leaſt Imputation of Cenſure; eſpecially were not the Intereſt of Mr. WRIGHT concern'd in it, who ſeems reſolv'd to ſee whether he ſtands on *too narrow a Bottom*, as they give out, to ſupport himſelf without their Service; and whether there are not Perſons in the Country, qualified to accept of One, Two, Four, Six, Eight, or Ten Thouſand Pounds a Year, without noſing their *Benefactor*, or pretending to make their Humour the Rule for him to ſteer his Actions by; whoſe ſteady Conduct, and ſtrict Juſtice, might in reaſon have convinc'd them, from paſt Experience, that he was not to be aw'd by any Motives, but thoſe which proceed from a Power which can alone be ſaid to be ſuperior to His own Godlike Temper.

In the firſt Rank of theſe, ſtands the well-known, the gallant, and courteous *Johnny Armſtrong*: He has ſcarce his Equal

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for a pretty Fellow; a Man of Parts, Courage, and other diſtinguiſhing Virtues. I have mention'd him to you before, in the Part he acted againſt my Lord *Hump* at the *North Farm*. *Johnny* has a bold and enterprizing Genius, and, if any thing, is a little too full of Fire. He had a particular Employment about the *Young Eſquire*, and his Service grew into a perfect Friendſhip; for no Man knows better how to prize Merit than the *Eſquire* does, who is fraught with all the eminent Qualities which enable a Man to be capable of diſtinguiſhing. It has been ſaid, that he preſum'd to give the *Eſquire* ſome audacious Advice, and by that Means incurr'd Mr. WRIGHT's Diſpleaſure: Whatever it were, it muſt be own'd, that *Johnny* is a Perſon of Worth, and deſerv'd well, had he not built a little too confidently on his own Merit, and the *Eſquire's* Intimacy and Friendſhip, who demonſtrated his Affection for him, by the Reluctancy he ſhew'd to part with a Servant whom he ſet ſuch a Value on: From the Time of *Johnny*'s Diſmiſſion from his Service, he has been ſuſpected of private Intuitions; but I know not whether there be any thing more to evince it, than his conſtant Aſſociating with a Party to whom ſuch a ſort of Conduct would be moſt agreeable.

You muſt needs think it ſtrange, that while I am crying up Mr. WRIGHT for a Perſon of the niceſt Honour and Virtue, I ſhould

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have Occaſion to mention his Reſentment againſt Men of Worth and Merit; but I may, without pretending to know more than becomes me, affirm, that where the Contention ariſes among Men of Worth and Merit, a Maſter has the Prerogative to decide the Controverſy, and judge whoſe Arguments are the moſt prevalent, as well as conſiſtent, with Honour and Juſtice, eſpecially where his own Intereſt is ſo nearly concern'd, as to be the Subject of the Diſpute. All the World knows, that there is not a Man of greater Merit than *Will Truby*, and yet we have ſeen him deſerve the Frowns of his Maſter. I believe there is not a true Friend of Mr. WRIGHT's, but laments it, but when it becomes evident, that they meerly compell'd him to it, by Electing their own Fall, as the only Expedient to give him Peace, the moſt one can ſay, is, that he took a ſure Method to free himſelf from an Anxiety they had conſtrain'd him to undergo; for to put the Matter into a proper Light for Men to judge by, would not one's Concern have been due to thoſe they unhappily contended with, who, it muſt be own'd, are Men of the higheſt Worth, and have, beſides the Advantage of Mr. WRIGHT's Favour and good Opinion? I ſay, had Mr. WRIGHT decided it againſt the contrary Party, would they not equally have claim'd our neareſt Concern? Muſt it not have been ſaid, that they had ſery'd him in the worſt

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of Times, and approv'd themſelves good and worthy Servants; ſo that it ſeems only of *two Evils a Man's being forc'd to chooſe the leaſt*; and certainly that muſt be own'd to be the greateſt Evil, where a Man's Intereſt and Safety ſeems to be the leaſt conſulted.

I profeſs to you, Sir, that I grow uneaſy under the Subject I am Writing on; but may I not ſay, that *Charles Fertile* is a moſt accompliſh'd Perſon, and deſerving of the higheſt Favours, without deviating from the juſt Praiſes of *Charles Sprightly*, whom he has ſucceeded: Or, affirm, that *Will Surly-boots* is one of the beſt Soldiers living, without denying that *Johnny Armſtrong*, and others, are very deſerving Perſons, and excellent *Cudgel-Players*; notwithſtanding 'tis affirm'd, the latter pinn'd the Baſket at the *North Farm*, and that the former reap'd but little Honour there. It would be equally unjuſt, to aſſert, that *Jemmy Briſk* is not deſerving of the *Freehold* Mr. WRIGHT has newly beſtow'd on him, becauſe he happen'd to have an unhappy Diſpute with *Bob Huſh*, who is allow'd to be a Man of fine Parts; or to believe the former has not moſt Courage, becauſe the other talk'd a little the loudeſt.

I would avoid Compariſons; but when it is alledg'd, that Mr. WRIGHT has diſplac'd Men of Merit, and ſuch as are allow'd to have ſerv'd him faithfully, what would have been ſaid, had he relinquiſh'd *Jemmy Briſk*;

Briſk; is there a Man of finer Qualities upon Earth? Does not Wit, Learning, Generoſity, and Candour, appear in all his Actions? Is he not diſintereſted to the laſt Degree, and his great Soul ſuperiour to all Temptation? Give me Leave to ſay then, that Mr. WRIGHT, who ſo well underſtands Men and Things, muſt have been thought to forfeit a great deal of his Judgment, had he not prefer'd his *Service* to many of thoſe who were ſo unhappy to diſſent from him, in the Opinion of the Obligations of Duty and Gratitude they lay under to do every *reaſonable Thing* he could require to promote his Intereſt, and ſtrengthen his Prerogative; in reſpect not only of his perſonal Excellency, but the Agreeableneſs of his Judgment and Opinion.

It has, indeed, been ſo cuſtomary in this Country, for the *Farmers*, and other chief *Tenants*, to manage and inſult their *Landlords*, that one does not ſo much wonder there are Thoſe who are for keeping up the old Spirit; but if they have now one who has a Soul too Great to brook it, and is reſolv'd to exert it, in raiſing as well his own Character, as the Honour and Dignity of the *Manor*, will it not be Prudence in theſe Men to ſubmit to ſuch uncommon Greatneſs? How much have they themſelves ſaid of his admirable Qualities? Is he no longer Good and Great then, than whilſt he is elevated by their Praiſes? Or are his

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Maxims ever the Maxims ever the leſs juſt, becauſe not always agreeable or conſiſtent with their variable Notions. We may remember how our *Landlord* WILLIAM was us'd; and how fatal his frequent *Condeſcenſions* prov'd to his Intereſt. And will it not juſtly become the Character of Mr. WRIGHT, (who is the only Man of Spirit we have had beſides, ſince the Days of *Harry Coulpiece*) to avoid thoſe Rocks upon which the greateſt Soul that ever liv'd was ſhipwreck'd. In fine, he ſeems reſolv'd not to fear the Reſentment of this or that *Great Man*, but to purſue reſolutely the Paths of Juſtice and Virtue in the Management of the *Eſtate*, and make thoſe the Objects of his Diſpleaſure, maugre all Pretences who do not comply with, or govern themſelves by the ſame Meaſures. This is the great Hardſhip we pretend to lye under, to be made happy againſt our own Wills.

One chief Cavil of theſe ſort of Men, is, that Mr. WRIGHT keeps about him two or three of his own *Countrymen*; by whoſe Advice, they ſay, he is too much govern'd. Really, ſince his Councils have been ſo ſucceſsful, I cannot ſee but this is giving thoſe Gentlemen a great deal of Honour, which they might as well have kept to themſelves: Nor do I ſee, if they have had a Share in the Management of Things, ſince he came to the *Eſtate*, that there is any great Reaſon Mr. WRIGHT ſhould be oblig'd now to diſ-

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card them, and ſend them Home in Diſgrace; and 'twould yet be more unreaſonable to deny him the Liberty of an old truſty Servant or two about him, as well as the Power to reward their Services, as far as the Laws will admit. I cannot ſee that the Harmony among themſelves, has produc'd any Cauſe to convince him, that he ſhall have no farther Occaſion for the Service of his Countrymen; and, indeed, if they are troubled with theſe Freaks, it will doubly concern him to retain Them in his Family, who, in Addition to the Servants that remain ſtedfaſt to him, will be able ſtill to ſupport him againſt the Intrigues that may poſſibly be form'd, in the way of rendering him uneaſy, and forcing him to accept the poor Services they ſhall be pleas'd, out of their gracious Free-Will, to do him for the future.

If perſonal Merit were the Matter alone in Diſpute, I could not but allow Mr. *Eaſy* to be one of the fineſt pert Gentlemen living. He has a noble *Freehold*, deſcended to him from Good Anceſtors; his Father was univerſally reſpected by the whole *Mannor*, where his Wit and Gallantry ſhone in a very particular manner. He had a forward Hand in our *Deliverance*, and left his Son the true Heir to all his Virtues. Mr. *Eaſy* diſtinguiſh'd himſelf highly in the Time of the WIDOW, or I may, I think, more properly ſay, in the Reign of *Bob Slyboots*, and *Harry Aucumy*, and was ſo zealous an Aſſerter of Mr. WRIGHT's

WRIGHT's Intereſt, that he deſerv'd every thing at his Hands. He was pitch'd on to be the firſt Man ſent to Mr. WRIGHT, to invite him to take Poſſeſſion of the Eſtate, who receiv'd and rewarded him ſuitable to his Merit: But if that Merit, I ſay, is to be allow'd to give Men a Privilege to inſult and oppoſe their *Landlord*, he ought to know that ſomewhat leſs Merit, and more Humility, are more proper Qualifications for his Service, than that Preſumption which ſeems to render their Service more the Effect of their own Will and Pleaſure, than that of their Maſter.

What more could he expect from the moſt inveterate of the Faction? *Will. Snap-Dragon*, with all the bitter Invectives he is able to ſpue out, would not be a more troubleſome Creature: A Fellow that takes all Opportunities to ſhew his Rancour, tho' he is conſiderably the Jeſt of the CLUBB whenever he Speaks. *Will*, you muſt know, had been ſecur'd as a ſuſpected Perſon, and is reſolv'd never to forget it. There is he, *Jack Firebraſs*, *Will. Pippin*, and Two or Three more of the Order of *Speech-making*, who are to the laſt reſolv'd to diſtinguiſh themſelves, by oppoſing every thing, right or wrong, that is ſet on foot at the INN: But this wou'd prove no more than the Subject of Mirth, as it uſually does to the honeſt part of the Servants, did not one ſee ſome join with them who have formerly expreſs'd the greateſt Horror at their Principles.

I ſhall not reflect on their Attempts to ſeduce and draw away the Young *Squire*, his own diſtinguiſhing Senſe, fine Addreſs, and filial Reverence, are too conſpicuous to doubt any ill Effect from their Proceedings; and I am miſtaken if the World will not at length find there is a great deal of true Policy in it all. But I will, for the preſent, drop this Subject, that I may have room, before I grow too tedious, to give you an Account of an odd Affair which lately happen'd at the MITRE-INN in this Town.

This *Houſe*, you muſt know, has, of late, been the grand *Reſort* of many eminent Quack-Doctors, as well as of other leſſer *Underſtrappers* in the Oeconomy of Phyſick, and pretended Sons of *Galen*. Theſe have frequently, in a very particular manner, beſtow'd their Commendations on this *Houſe*, and have even recommended it to the People, as ſuperior to the CROWN-INN it ſelf, and of a more *healthy Situation*; and us'd all other Methods in their Power, to promote its *Trade*, and raiſe its *Reputation*; and this more eſpecially, ſince the Curate of *Hockley*, in his flagitious *Progreſs* thro' the Country, took up his Quarters there. Nay, it is now come to that paſs, that the very *Sign* is ſo venerated by the deluded Populace, that they look on the *Sun*'s ſhining on it, as an Article of Glory to the Church its ſelf, which ſtands but a ſmall diſtance from it, and have as much regard to its Diurnal Motions,

tions, as to the ſtriking of the Pariſh-Clock. Many there are who think it, that there is a great deal of Religion in paying a due Reſpect to this Epiſcopal Emblem, and that if they do but Reverence it with due Devotion, 'tis equal to Bowing to the Altar, and ſufficient to give them the Characters of true *Churchmen*, without any other Conditions whatever; and this the *Quack-Doctors*, by the Advantage of being moſt Numerous, as well as moſt Audacious, have cultivated among the *Tenants*, with great Earneſtneſs and Succeſs, whilſt an honeſt *Phyſician* can hardly get Bread, or prevail with them to liſten to the *Diſtempers* they are running into: Truth and Modeſty are ſo put out of Countenance, by every little *Upſtart* that pretends to *Practice*, to the great Diſhonour of the *Profeſſion*.

Tho' there was, indeed, but little Encouragement to hope to ſucceed againſt the Current of the Times, when the worſt *Medicines* were recommended, and greedily ſwallow'd by the People, yet an honeſt *Phyſician*, call'd Dr. *Worthington*, had Courage enough to oppoſe the *Quacks*, who were introducing a *peſtilential Diſtemper* into the Country; and in a Diſcourſe before Mr. WRIGHT at the CROWN-INN, took Occaſion to diſplay the Ignorance of ſuch *Practitioners*, who were impoſing their dangerous and corroſive *Medicines* upon the Publick.

He likewiſe took occaſion to ſpeak of their general Reſort to the MITRE-INN, and preferring its *Entertainment* to that at the CROWN-INN, which had the Preheminence of it; that the Power aſcrib'd, and the Reſpect paid to it, were not only a Diminution to the Prerogative of the CROWN-INN, but manifeſtly ſhew'd a Diſaffection to its preſent LANDLORD, and a Reſpect to *ſome Body* elſe: That it behov'd every modeſt *Phyſician* to be cloath'd with Charity and Humility, not like the *Quacks* of this Age, proud and boiſter us: And finally, That they had no Power to impoſe their *Quack-Medicines* upon the honeſt *Tenants*, to the detriment of both Soul and Body. With many other good Things contain'd in his Diſcourſe.

But bleſs us! no ſooner had the honeſt Doctor eas'd his Lungs a little, and expos'd the deceitful Methods of theſe upſtart *Practitioners*, but the *Quacks* throughout the whole Country were blown into a Flame, they gave out that he was going to undermine the *COLLEGE*, and to invert the whole Order and Method of *Phyſick*. They call'd him a thouſand canting Fellows, Spawn of a Fanatick, *&c.* tho', in reality, he has more Sence and Learning, as well as Morality and true Religion, than half of them, and is hated by them only for his ſuperior *Skill*, and charitable *Practice* as a *Phyſician*.

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This was not all, they reſolv'd to call a *Conſultation*, and the *MITRE-INN* was preſently crowded with all the *Quack-Doctors* in the Country. They were for Voting him out of the *COLLEGE*, but that was in Mr. WRIGHT's Power only; and though there were ſome modeſt and eminent *Phyſicians* on his ſide, yet all was carried with ſuch Noiſe and Clamour againſt him, among the *inferior Quacks*, that they Voted him Guilty of *The Subverſion of all allowable PRACTICE of the Diſcipline of the COLLEGE, and its Authority in Matters of PHYSICK*; with a Schedule of violent and uncharitable Accuſations, which were then denounc'd againſt the poor *Doctor*, who if he eſcap'd *Anatomizing*, was the moſt his *Friends* and *Well-wiſhers* cou'd expect or look for.

'Twill be too tedious to relate all the Paſſages which happen'd at this *Galenical* Aſſembly: 'Tis enough therefore to tell you, that whilſt they were in the Heat of their relentleſs Fury, and the Spirit of *Quackiſm* rag'd moſt vehemently among them, Mr. WRIGHT, who has a particuler Regard for the *Doctor*, whom he had lately made one of his own *Phyſicians*, and preferr'd him to be one of the *Rulers* of the *COLLEGE*, by a Meſſage as ſudden as dreadful, blew up the whole *Convention*, and ſo ſav'd the *Doctor*'s Bacon. They departed in a great deal of Wrath, and loud were the Murmurings among them. They had much ado to forbear

openly falling on Mr. WRIGHT himſelf; but ſecretly they ſpar'd him as little as they did *Worthington*.

It was at this time, that a certain *Merry-Andrew* coming hither to vend his *Pacquets*, the reſt of the *Quacks* reſolv'd to fix on him to be the Property of reaking their Vengeance on the *Doctor*. This Fellow's Father kept formerly a *Farrier's Shop* at the INN-GATE, and had been famous for the Cure of Glander'd and Spavin'd Horſes: And beſides the uſual Profits of his *Vocation*, he had a yearly Penſion from the CROWN, for Shooing and Drenching all the Horſes there; and is fam'd for being the real and original Inventer of the *Rich Cordial-Horſe-Balls*, now in ſo great Repute.

Andrew had improv'd upon his Daddy's Talent (who always kept the young Knave cloſe to School) and by a ſtudious Care and Diligence, diſcover'd ſome choice Secrets and Receipts for curing of Corns, tumorous Swellings, the Itch, Shingles, *&c.* and theſe he exhibited to the Country People upon *Market-Days*; and by a quaint, notable way of Talking, had the Advantage of being well heard by them whenever he mounted the Stage. At other times, he taught Boys their *Pſalters*, and domineer'd in Birch at a Country Village.

Andrew, as I was ſaying, being pitch'd on to be the *Mouth*, or *Orator* of his *Fraternity*, who knew him to be a Fellow of an excellent

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Front, mounted the Stage, to a numerous Crowd of Auditors and Spectators; and having firſt made a ſhort rhetorical Encomium on the Uſe and Excellence of his *Pacquet*, he launch'd out into a long *Diſſertation* on the *Doctor*, whom he treated in the moſt ſevere and opprobrious manner: Accus'd him as a Deluder and Deceiver of his *Patients*, upon whom he impos'd adulterated *Phyſick*: That he was for introducing new and fallacious *Methods* of *practiſing*, which were predominant about 50 or 60 Years ago, when the CROWN, as well as the *MITRE-INN*, was turn'd topſy-turvy, and the *COLLEGE of PHYSICIANS* it ſelf, made a Stable for Horſes, with a Hundred other ſcurrilous Invectives, which he exerted himſelf upon, to the great Joy and Satisfaction of his *Hearers*, eſpecially his Brother *Quacks*; inſomuch that the whole Town ſoon gather'd about him, and great were the Shouts and Applauſes beſtow'd on honeſt *Andrew*, who, to give him his due, has a ſpecial Knack at Railing and giving ill Words; and never having met with a better Opportunity to ſhew his Parts, it redounded much to his Honour and Reputation, particularly among the Vulgar. I have heard, that being once ſpeaking his *Pacquet* at *Billingſgate*, he came to a voluble Combat with a Fiſhwoman, whom he ſo far excell'd at her own Weapons, that the poor Woman ſoon after took her Bed, and died upon it.

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To conclude; his *Pacquets* were bought up by innumerable Quantities. Not a *Butcher's Stall*, or *Barber's Shop*, but was presently furnish'd with them; so that besides the Commendations he got, his Gain must be very considerable: No sooner did he dismount the Stage, but he was caress'd by the Rabble, who follow'd him with loud Shouts of, O rare *Andrew!* or, Rare *Doctor!* which eccho'd to the Sky again, and deliver'd him with open Arms, under a tripple Salvo of Marrow-Bones and Cleavers, to the *Fraternity* at the MITRE-INN, then crowded with all the *Quack Doctors* in the Country.

The modest *Doctor* had nothing to do, but to reply, in the best manner he could, to such manifest Scurrility, and base Usage, at which the Breasts of his Adversaries swell'd with exulting Joy. All that was possible for an honest, or a modest Man to say, he put into the softest and most pathetick Language (a Gift very natural to him) and dispers'd it among the honest *Tenants*. Men of Sense and Honesty were soon convinc'd of his superiour *Skill* and *Integrity*, and of his faithful manner of *Practice*; but the *Ignorant* and *Hot-headed*, who have, of late, been basely seduc'd by *Quackery*, were only the more inflam'd. Nor did the Answer he made to the Accusations of the inferiour *Order* of *Quacks* pronounc'd against him, succeed any better with these sort of People; both they, and the *Merry-Andrews*, thro' the whole Country,

Country, did but exclaim the louder, ſtrange Fate, were Truth, Merit, and Juſtice, are to be bawl'd out of Doors, and the COLLEGE made the Stalking Horſe of every *Quack Pretender*. Beardleſs *Practitioners*, fit only to preſcribe *Glyſters*, *Bolus's*, or give *Jeſuits Bark* in Agues and Fevers. Fellows that talk more like *Apothecaries* than experienc'd *Phyſicians*; and yet are ſet up to read *Lectures*, and debate Caſes of *Phyſick* in COLLEGES, to the apparent Hazard of the Common-Wealth. Every little Upſtart in *Phyſick* thought to raiſe his Credit, by railing at the *Doctor*, when the whole *Fraternity* of *Quacks* together, are not capable to hold Pen and Ink with him.

So little was the *Doctor's* Skill and Learning ſet by, in Competition with the *Noiſe* and *Gibberiſh* of his Enemies, that the next *Market-Day Merry-Andrew* was ſet to Work again by his old Maſters; and that he might be ſure not to be leſs ſcurrilous than he had been, he receiv'd ſome Hints, behind the Curtain, from one Dr. *Bulkington*, a Man who was little ſuſpected to be a Snake in the Graſs; eſpecially, conſidering that he was in good Credit at the CROWN-INN, and had receiv'd Favours from Mr. WRIGHT, who he knew had a particular Regard for Dr. *Worthington*, as well for his known Zeal and Affection to him, as for other his diſtinguiſhing Qualities, and vaſt Experience in *Phyſick*.

You will expect, perhaps, that I ſhould give you a Sketch of *Bulkington*'s Character, and how a Man of his Principles and Practice, came to be promoted at the INN; but I muſt aſſure you, I am ſo incapable of doing it truly, that till the Time of his Promotion in the COLLEGE, he was very little known, either to me, or, as I can find, to any body elſe. His Father was a plain honeſt Man, who had ſome little *Practice* in the Country, but far from any Thing of an eminent *Phyſician*; and there goes an old Story of him, that he was a Sequeſtrator under old *Nol Sturdy*, when he ejected old Mr. *Rowley* out of the *Eſtate*, and committed great Ravages and Deva ſtations among the honeſt *Tenants*; even to the taking down the *Sign* at the INN, and hanging up, in the room of it, the *Calvin*'s-*Head*, painted at *Geneva*. But the Houſe ſoon loſt its Trade under that Appellation, and *Dick Sturdy* was fain to reſign it to Mr. *Rowley*'s Son, without the leaſt Conteſt at Law, when the Sign of the *Crown* was reſtor'd again, to the great Joy of the People. *Bulkington* practic'd *Phyſick* for a good while in the Country, in an ordinary Capacity, and at length was admitted to an inferiour *Degree* in the COLLEGE. What Succeſs he had, I know not; but I have heard, that he was once in good Reputation at a Wreſtling-Ring, and would box and fuddle with the ſturdieſt *Clown* in the *Country*. Nay,

ſome ſay ſtill, that they would be loath to have his *Galenical Fiſts* fly about their Ears.

'Tis ſaid, That out of Reſpect to his numerous Family, and many poor Relations, the WIDDOW, out of her wonted Compaſſion to the diſtreſs'd Sons of *Galen*, promoted him to the firſt *Rulerſhip* in the *COLLEGE* that fell in her Time. This has been taken notice of as remarkable in juſtifying a Report, that he had once a very great Attach to our *Dear Brother*, and has been known to ſpeak very comfortable Things in his Favour, as well as under the *Roſe*, ſwallowing down ſome tall Flaggons to his Health: But a lucky Diſpute happening betwixt him, and Dr. *Seaman*, a noted Friend of young *Shute*'s, out of Enmity to the other, he reſolv'd to change ſides. Mr. WRIGHT, on his firſt coming to the ESTATE, receiv'd him upon the Recommendation of his Friends, as one of the Number into his Favour, which he ſeem'd for ſome time to deſerve, and was appointed one of the *Phyſicians* in the Family, with a handſome Perquiſite annex'd to it; but 'tis well now, if the *Bulk* of his Reputation is not impair'd with Mr. WRIGHT, as well as 'tis with moſt People in this Climate.

But I muſt return to tell you, that *Merry Andrew* mounted the Stage a ſecond Time, and even out-did him in Scurrility, and baſe Manners; and among other Things, charges the *Doctor* home, with preſcribing Medicines

improper to the Diſeaſe; and after they had been taken, to the great Damage of the Patient, that he alter'd his *Recipes* upon the *Apothecary's File*, by adding ſome evaſive Words, which made them *abſolutely Proper*: That being appriz'd of this by a certain *Phyſician* of Note, before the *Recipe* was ſent, *He was with Difficulty prevail'd upon, to inſert them by way of Caution*; and then making uſe of a mental Reſervation to juſtify his ſolemn Appeal, that the ſaid Words were inſerted before the Bill was Filed.

This black and infamous Charge, was mightily triumph'd in for a Day or two, and occaſion'd Dr. *Worthington*, ſince a modeſt Vindication of himſelf would not do, to cite *Merry-Andrew* in a publick manner, to juſtify the *Accuſation*, or elſe to expoſe him to the whole Country for a baſe Retailer of Lyes and Scandal; and to that end affixes a *Paper* upon the *Market-Croſs*, wherein he boldly defies the malicious Calumnies thrown on him, and challenges *Merry-Andrew* either to Name his Author, or expect to have his Ears nail'd to the Pillory, adjoining to the *Stage*, whereon he had ventur'd to publiſh his Forgeries.

Andrew was at this time exerciſing his *Pedagoguean* Function, and tyrannizing in his Kingdom of Birch in the Country: But ſo vigilant and circumſpect was officious *Jonah*, the Emendator of his *Bills*, and Diſtributer of his *Packquets*, that he out-ſtript the Wind

to give his Patron early Notice of the Rods in Piſs againſt him, if he did not take care to juſtify himſelf. *Andrew* highly approv'd of *Jonah*'s Diligence, and being likewiſe acquainted with the Depth and Penetration of his capacious Noddle, reſolv'd in that time of manifeſt Buſineſs and Diſtreſs, to give him Credentials, and ſend him his *Plenipotentiary* to Dr. *Bulkington*, whom he manag'd ſo artfully, that he procur'd the *Sign Manual* to his Diſpatches, whereby *Bulkington* acknowledges himſelf to be the very numerical Perſon that had furniſh'd *Merry Andrew* with that Load of *perſonal Infamy*, to ruin Dr. *Worthington*'s good Name.

Thus Atteſted, *Jonah* immediately gives the Diſpatches to the *POST-BOY*, to carry about the Town. A Varlet as eminent for his Diſaffection to Mr. WRIGHT, as the worſt of 'em all: A Fellow that had rid *Poſt*, and writ Hackney, all his time, till his Diſloyalty made him remarkable among the *Quack-Party*, for whom he does a little dirty Work now and then, and would launch farther into their Service, but that having once or twice narrowly eſcap'd the *Whipping-Poſt*, he is kept a little in Awe.

All the Clamour was now againſt *Bulkington*, who made ſome lame Excuſes, and pretended that *Jonah* had Equivocated with him, by not obſerving the main Diſtinction that he made to him, Whether the ſaid Words were inſerted after the Bill was Filed,

call'd him prevaricating Raſcal, impudent Slanderer, and what not? But, let him ſay what he would, People began to be very free with his Reputation.

In the interim, *Merry-Andrew* laugh'd in his Sleeve, chuck'd *Jonah* under the Chin for a ſubtle contriving Varlet, and ſaid, he was heartily glad of his having over-reach'd the *Doctor*. Tho' it was obſerv'd by ſome People, that it ſeem'd ſtrange ſo upright a Perſon as *Merry-Andrew* thought himſelf, ſhould expreſs himſelf heartily pleas'd to receive Advantage by a fraudulent Practice; but pious Frauds have been always held neceſſary by the *Quack Fraternity*: And *Jonah* by it has approv'd himſelf one of thoſe faithful Emiſſaries that are not afraid of facing the Devil ſometimes for the ſake of their Maſters; beſides, the Rogue has got conſiderable Sums by *Merry-Andrew*'s *Pacquets*.

Dr. *Worthington* call'd now loudly upon his Brother *RULER* to explain himſelf, he having acknowledg'd under his Hand, that he not only had allow'd *Merry Andrew* to publiſh that Calumny, but that he had been the Reporter of it at ſecond-Hand, by giving ſtrong Aſſurances of it to one Dr. *Bolus*, a ſcandalous noted *Quack*, who *Merry Andrew* quoted upon the Stage.

A Spring-Tide of Scandal was now breaking in upon Dr. *Bulkington*, who highly incens'd that his Veracity ſhould be call'd in queſtion, being one of the *Rulers* of the

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COLLEGE, anſwers with ſome Indignation, that he will, one time or other, produce ſome Body or other, who ſhall diſcover ſomething or other, which ſhall be to ſome Purpoſe or other; but, does not underſtand why he ſhould be oblig'd to do it, till he has ſome Reaſon or other more than meerly for the ſake of Juſtice, and to Humour *Worthington*. But being cloſe preſs'd by him, and finding all farther Evaſions vain, he brings one Dr. *Saſſafras* into the Scrape, and accuſes him of being the Informant, and furniſhing him with the Load of Dirt and Scandal laid at Dr. *Worthington's* Door.

The Farce grew now very pleaſant, the Plot thicken'd, and was like to end merrily. Dr. *Saſſafras* deny'd the Charge, and really was very witty with *Bulkington*, tells him, that he preſumes he had told a Tale ſo long to others, 'till he really began to think it true himſelf. That, indeed, he believ'd he could tell him how he was led into the Miſtake, but would modeſtly omit it for the preſent. The World was ſtrangely agog to know what to impute that Modeſty to, every one giving it a different Interpretation; but thoſe who are beſt acquainted with the Doctor's Character, know that he is apt to be very forgetful, when he is *warm'd with Indignation*; but all Fleſh is frail, and there are certain Times when the wiſeſt Men are very apt to forget what they ſay or do, and commit the groſſeſt Miſtakes in Memory.

In Concluſion; the Country grew ſatisfy'd, that Dr. *Worthington* had been unjuſtly treated; that *Merry-Andrew* was a pert credulous Fellow, had been impos'd on, and that he was oblig'd to *Jonah's* Dexterity in bringing him off: which ſhows that an opinionated *Wittall* may ſometimes be inſpir'd with Brains enough to ſtop a Flaw in his Maſter's Reputation.

Let the Matter end how it will betwixt Dr. *Bulkington* and Dr. *Saſſafras*, 'tis certain the former has

the worſt of it at preſent; and one Imputation he will never remove, *viz.* That if the Matter he charges the Latter withal, were true, yet he was guilty of betraying private Converſation, by making a publick Uſe of it, to the Diſparagement of the Reputation of him that told it, and the Deſign of deſtroying the Good-Name of him it was told of, both which are to be accounted for, eſpecially by one who is a Licens'd *Phyſician*, and of the *higheſt Rank* of the *College*.

There is another Affair ſomewhat apart from this, which I could not conveniently mention in the Courſe of this Relation, in Regard it would have tended to break the Thread of the Story; but I cannot omit Mentioning it to you, as being ſomewhat relative to what has gone before.

Among other perſonal Reflections which *Merry-Andrew* made on Dr. *Worthington*, during his *Quack* Prelude on the Stage, he charg'd him, in particular, with keeping a *Jew* in his Houſe, in Order to make a *Phyſician* of him, and then introduce him into the COLLEGE, which made People ſneer mightily; tho', in reality, the Man is as good a Chriſtian as himſelf, and has given as evident Proofs of it; except that he has not ſtipulated for his Integrity, by embracing the ſame furious Principles with that Set of *Chriſtians* that are of *Merry-Andrew*'s Party, and his Abettors, in the *dirty Drudgery* he is doing for them.

The Man, in his Defence, has mounted the *Stage*, and, to a great Number of his Hearers, has prov'd *Merry-Andrew* to be a noiſy forward Fellow, fit only to ſpeak a *Pacquet*, or fob off a *Quack Medicine* to his ignorant *Auditory*; and has publickly challeng'd him, by *Bills* affix'd on the *Market-Croſs*, on the *Pillory*, and other POSTS, to end the Debate by ſingle Combat; ſo that we are like to ſee rare Sport next *Market-Day*. I muſt tell you, that I have heard ſome Men of Senſe ſay, that this *Jew*,

as he calls him, is a ſhrewd Perſon, and has more Learning and Modeſty than half *Merry-Andrew*'s Party; and that he underſtands *Phyſick* and *Stage-Practice* as well as the beſt of them: So that 'tis foreſeen, *Merry-Andrew* will come off with juſt as much Honour and Reputation in this Affair, as Dr. *Bulkington* did in the other.

Juſt now, Mr. WRIGHT has diſmiſs'd *Merry-Andrew* and Dr. *Weezel*, another eminent Antagoniſt of Dr. *Worthington's*, from Practiſing at the INN; which is not only a ſure Indication of the Diſpleaſure he has conceiv'd againſt them; but that they will not be promoted to RULERSHIPS in the COLLEGE, during his Poſſeſſing the Eſtate, which will help to mortify them, and keep other *Quacks* in Awe; who impudently go about the Country, Vending their pernicious *Pacquets*, Poiſoning the People, and Creating *Phrenzies*, and other violent *Diſtempers* among them, to the great Scandal of every honeſt and modeſt *Phyſician*, whom they are ſure to load with the baſeſt Lyes and Calumnies.

To give a Colour to their baſe noiſy *Practice*, they invert Things to their own Purpoſe; giving themſelves the Names of True *Phyſicians*, and call ſuch Able and Learned Men, as Dr. *Worthington*, and others, *Quacks*, telling the People that *Quackery* is to be brought into the *College*, when it is too much there already, by having ſo many Hot-headed unſkilful Fellows admitted, as by their raſh and precipitate Practice create, rather than cure Diſtempers.

Mr. WRIGHT is not to eſcape their ſcurrilous Tongues; and tho' he has ſeveral Times given his Word, which he was never yet known to forfeit, that the COLLEGE ſhall always be ſure of his Protection; yet they poſſeſs the People, that he is an Encourager of *Quacks*, and deſigns to have

have the COLLEGE, and MITRE INN, turn'd into *Receptacles* for Erecting *Mountebank-Stages*; tho' there is not the leaſt Shadow of Truth in this, but that they hate all *Phyſicians* who uſe either *Charity* or *Moderation* in their *Practice*, and had rather People ſhould go the back Way to Deſtruction thro' their Hands, than receive plain and wholeſome *Phyſick* from *modeſt and ſkilful* Men.

FINIS.